I claim,

- 1. A back protector, in particular for motorcyclists, comprising two vertically aligned supports provided with means for their fixing to a motorcyclist's body, each of said supports carrying a plurality of substantially rigid elements fixed thereto, said lower support being hinged to said upper support on a pin.
- 2. A protector as claimed in claim 1, wherein said rigid elements consist of plates comprising on one surface a strengthening grid of ribs:
- 3. A protector as claimed in claim 2, wherein said plates of each support are connected together mechanically by hinge elements.
- 4. A protector as claimed in claim 1, wherein said upper support also comprises an intermediate layer of material providing impact absorption.
- 5. A protector as claimed in claim 1, wherein said lower support also comprises an intermediate layer of material providing impact absorption.
- 15 & A protector as claimed in claim 1, wherein said upper element is provided with braces.
 - 7. A protector as claimed in claim 1, wherein said lower element is provided with a belt.

10

Cade